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Please note also that a typographical error was made in the Restriction Requirement dated 8/19/2003 (Paper No. 8). Group I should read on claims 1-8 and 11-24 (not 1-24 as shown) because Group II reads on claims 9-10 (e.g., see Paper No. 8, paragraph 1, Groups I and II). Therefore, Group I now reads on claims 1-8, 22-24 and newly added claim 31 (e.g., see 1/22/2004 Response). Confirmation of this election is respectfully requested.

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